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DEATH.
At her residence, Zetland Street, on Sunday, the 10th instant, at 6.30 a.m., **WALTER MAXWELL**, the beloved wife of Delfino Noronha, aged 72, died regretfully.

1890

The H. Daily Press.

HONGKONG, AUGUST 20TH, 1894.

The Taipingchuan Resumption Ordinance has been under the consideration of the unofficial members of the Legislative Council, whose opinion has been solicited by the Governor, and as the result of several conferences held some modifications have been made in the draft Bill. The most important of these relates to the proposed demolition of all the houses in the district. The preamble to the draft Bill as published contained the following:—"And whereas it is expedient that the houses in the said portions of the Taipingchuan district should be pulled down and destroyed with the least possible delay and the entire area laid out fresh and redefined," etc.; and section 7 provided that no houses should be pulled down pending survey, etc.; thereafter the Public Works department to pull down and destroy all the houses and remove the materials thereof, and to dig up and remove all sewers and drains and all soil and sub-soil that may be found to be affected by the percolation of sewage, or to be in any way insanitary. All this, we understand, had been struck out. The argument used was that when the Crown had resumed the land it would be the absolute owner and that it was unnecessary to tie its hands. Technically it will be still open to the Government to destroy the whole of the property if it thinks fit, but it will not be compulsory upon it to do so, and as a matter of fact the alteration is made public. The colony will not flinch from the expenditure if it can be shown that the total demolition of the district is necessary, but it will be a great relief if it can be shown that partial demolition will suffice.

In these days of gloom and depression a cheerful meeting like that of the shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank on Saturday gives a happy relief. Not a cloud seems at present to hang over the prosperity of that magnificent institution. Exchange may go up or down, but it is all the same to the Bank, which makes money either way, with a preference, however, for cheap silver; and it is significant of the confidence felt in the Bank that the withdrawals of gold deposits, to which it is in contact with other Colonial banks, have been subjected, have been more than made up for by the increase in the silver deposits. The dividend remains the same as for some time past, namely, £1 per share, but £1 at 2s. to the dollar comes to as much as 8s. or 8s. 6d. So long as the disease is kept out of Japan, so long will this country be the best bulwark of the United States against the importation of the disease.

The *Tacoma Ledger* of the 21st ult. contained the following:—"The railroads are operated successfully from the port of Victoria, and the steamship *Victoria*, will take out a full cargo. Several large consignments of flour are now on the way from the northern prairie states, and arrangements of general merchandise from Chicago and other Illinois points are also made in the native workshops, while perhaps a cause of alarm to the Chinese is the fact that the *Illinois Central* is a monopoly, and that probably in the near future will play an important part in the great gold and silver trade. Of course, it is only natural that the effect upon the *Illinois Central* will be to increase the cost of transportation, and that the Chinese will be compelled to pay a higher price for their goods. The Canadian Pacific Steamship company carries all the cotton and woolen goods to the Orient. The main mail sent from Tacoma is manufactured into cloth in China and Japan.

roughly spoken of as the probable cost of what had to be done, but a more careful estimate fixed the amount at three-quarters of a million for the destruction of the whole of the condemned area; the partial destruction now favoured will, it is estimated, cost well within one quarter of a million. These figures will convey some idea of the extent to which the original programme has undergone provisional modification.

The whole or a part only, in the form in which the question of the reconstruction of Taipingchuan now presents itself. It will be useful to recall what was said by the Permanent Committee of the Sanitary Board in its letter to the Government of the 28th June:—"The district itself is very badly laid out and worse drained, and the soil is everywhere fertilized with the accumulated deposits of many years. The Committee do not say that the houses cannot be made fit for human habitation each in its degree, nor do they say that all the houses included within the limits of the district are, in themselves, defective and insanitary; there are several good houses situated within the prescribed area; but they say that no amount of expenditure on the older houses will ever render them safe, and that nothing but the pulling down of the whole of the existing houses and the complete reconstruction of the quarter with wider streets and better drainage, will ever prevent the neighbourhood from being a source of danger to the entire city. The Committee therefore recommend:

(1) That the whole area (including streets) about 10 acres, be resurveyed by the Sanitary Board's returns as at 30 for the British and Foreign community and 24.23 for the Chinese community.

(2) That the whole of the buildings to be destroyed, preferably by fire. (3) That the entire area be dug over old drains opened up and removed and all sewage-saturated soil got rid of, the ground laid out fresh for building purposes with wider and better streets, and a complete system of drainage more suitable than the old for the requirements of a Chinese population; and (4) That the whole, when so laid out and redefined, be put up for sale by public auction in lots or otherwise." The proposal is to dig over the whole area has been generally received with disfavour. This is a point on which the public hardly requires the assistance of expert opinion. Everyone knows as a matter of common sense and everyday knowledge that soil possesses wonderful powers of self-purification, and that when the sources of pollution are removed polluted soil very soon becomes clean and healthy. Sewage pollution has caused in Taipingchuan for two months and already the process of self-purification of the soil must be far advanced if it is not actually complete. At the present moment we do not think that a plague bacillus could be found at a depth of either two feet or two inches, but, however this may be, it can hardly be doubted that whatever danger may still lurk in the soil of the neighbourhood will be amply guarded against by providing every house with a layer of impervious concrete on the ground floor. As to the lay-out of the district, no doubt it might be improved if we were starting afresh, but it is a simple matter of health that has to be considered, and if it can be shown that there is no danger to health in the existing plan the Colony would not be disposed to enter on an expensive scheme of reconstruction simply to improve the architectural effect. Some lands admittedly require widening and in some cases new ones will have to be made, but if all this can be accomplished without razing the whole of the buildings within the area so much the better. The question therefore resolves itself into one of fact as to the number of sanitary and insanitary houses in the district. The Permanent Committee "do not say that the houses in each in its degree," and this being so some further investigation as to the alleged necessity of pulling down the entire district may be considered judicious, for if the expenditure can be reduced from three-quarters of a million to one quarter it will be an excellent thing for the Colony in its present embarrassed condition. The question, however, is not one to be decided wholly or mainly on pecuniary considerations. Whatever the cost it is essential that the whole district should be put into a thoroughly sanitary condition, and especially that back to back houses should be abolished, unless some plan can be devised to provide them with adequate ventilation shafts. The statements and recommendations of the Permanent Committee are very general in their character, but presumably the Government had prepared for it a detailed description of the district, street by street and block by block. If this be so it will materially assist the public in the consideration of the question if this report is made public. The colony will not flinch from the expenditure if it can be shown that the destruction shall not be complete. It is contended that there is a good deal of property within the condemned area that it would be wasteful to destroy—well built houses that are in perfectly sanitary condition and others equally well built, but lacking air and light, which can be made sanitary at a comparatively small expense. The idea of laying out the district entirely afresh has been abandoned, but in some cases lines will have to be widened by taking a few feet off the adjoining lots, and in view of the complicated questions that would arise should the land remain in private ownership the opinion is practically unanimous that the whole area must be cleared. The Government can then proceed to widen the lanes where it may be necessary, to demolish such of the houses as are simple hovels and incapable of being rendered habitable, to improve others, and finally to resell the land. Of course nothing has been absolutely decided upon; the final decision will rest with the Legislative Council sitting in open session, and at present the matter is in a rather indeterminate position; but it would seem that if present opinions prevail the task before the Government will be reduced to about one-fourth of its original dimensions. At first a million and a half was

body of shareholders, and his remarks on the ability of our popular and large hearted manager, Mr. THOMAS JACKSON," were naturally received with applause. incidentally Mr. SHEWAN touched gently on the subject, which he spoke of as "an opening into which certain people rush where angels like Mr. JACKSON do not tread very heavily," an expression which is more remarkable for its oratorical effect than for its accuracy in point of fact, for Mr. JACKSON, as is well-known, holds very decided opinions as to the unwisdom of the denunciation of silver, and when he has

had to speak on the question, as in his evidence before the House of Commons, he has shown no indecision or timorousness, but, to keep to Mr. SHEWAN's metaphor, has put his foot down very firmly indeed. But confidence in his own opinion is to what should he has not obscured. Mr. JACKSON's perception of the actual course in which events were moving and he has staved the Bank safely and with conspicuous ability through a very critical period.

H.M.S. *Pennant* left yesterday afternoon for the North, to be stationed at Shanghai, it is said.

The steamer *Catherina Apeir* from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port on the afternoon of the 18th inst.

The N. P. steamer *Zuccaro* from Hongkong, Shanghai, and Japan ports, arrived at Tacoma on the 15th inst.

The Criminal Sessions were formally opened on Saturday and adjourned until to-day. There are three cases on the calendar.

The M. M. steamer *Natal* with the French mail of the 20th July, left Saigon yesterday morning, at 6 o'clock, for this port.

The death rate last month is given in the Sanitary Board's returns as at 30 for the British and Foreign community and 24.23 for the Chinese community.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that the Harbour Master is to be the chief specially responsible with the carrying out of the instructions of the Neutrality Proclamation.

The committee chosen in the Japanese Finance Department to investigate and report on the Currency Question, after meeting about the times, has, it is said, completed its business.

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Goods not cleared by the 20th inst. at 4 p.m. will be subject to rent.

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All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns and notice of same given to the U.S. Consul at 10 A.M. on the 21st instant, after which no claims will be recognized.

H. H. JOSEPH,

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